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SUBJECT: KING FEISAL SPEAKS OUT ON OIL

1. NBC REGIONAL REP RICHARD HUNT TOLD EMBOFF ON JULY 19 THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE HAD FILMED INTERVIEW WITH KING FEISAL FOR USE AS PART OF THREE-HOUR DOCUMENTARY NBC DOING ON ENERGY CRISIS. HUNT SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT REMEMBER HIS EXACT WORDS THE KING, IN RESPONSE TO PRECISE QUESTION, HAD GONE ON RECORD TO EFFECT THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD BE OBLIGED LIMIT SUPPLY OF OIL TO UNITED STATES UNLESS USG ALTERED ITS POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL AND ARABS. ACCORDING TO HUNT, KING'S REMARKS MUCH TOUGHER AND MORE EXPLICIT THAN THOSE MADE TO HOAGLAND AND COOLEY (BEIRUT 8060).

2. HUNT SAYS THAT NBC BROADCAST NOT SCHEDULED BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND HE UNABLE PROVIDE EXACT TRANSCRIPT OF KING'S REMARKS. HOWEVER, SAUDI PETMIN ZAKI YAMANI
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HAS TAPE RECORDING OF ENTIRE SESSION (WHICH HUNT SAYS

UPSET YAMANI GREATLY BECAUSE OF KING'S TOUGH LANGUAGE).
HUNT ALSO SAYS THAT YAMANI CONCERNED OVER WHICH TRANS-
LATION NBC WOULD USE OF KING'S REMARKS, THAT PROVIDED
BY OFFICIAL INTERPRETER OR THAT MADE BY ANOTHER ARABIC
SPEAKER WHO WAS PRESENT. LATTER IS STRONGER THAN
FORMER SINCE OFFICIAL INTERPRETER APPARENTLY SOFTENED
KING'S LANGUAGE.
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